

**GOOD NEWS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.**—The market value of nearly all consumable goods is coming down steadily and healthfully. Meat is still very high, but is getting cheaper; Spring vegetables of all kinds are getting to be abundant and promise to be reasonable in price; coal has fallen two dollars a ton; sugar, coffee, tea, and spices are coming down, while there is no advance in anything but cotton and dress goods, which have gone up a little after the first great tumble, because of the surprisingly large demand which was suddenly developed on account of the comparatively low price. This is but temporary, however; the cotton manfactories are all underfull headway, and by midsummer cotton goods will be sold for less than at any time during the past two years and a half.

Of course this steady decline in prices will not please everybody. People with large stocks of goods on hand will not like it, nor will farming hereafter be as profitable as it has been. The tillers of the earth have had their harvest during the past two years, in the extravagant prices charged for everything they produced, and they must make up their minds to work harder hereafter, and receive less money for the products of their labor.

We have not had enough laborers for the seed-time; but we shall have too many for the harvest. Next fall will, in all probability, be a period of wide-spread suffering and discontent North and South, which will continue until another harvest, by which time we may reasonably hope that the immense masses of men turned out of employment by the stoppage of the war, will have secured remunerative work.

But in the meantime let us take all the comfort we can out of the present situation. —N. Y. World.

The Richmond Whig of the 10 inst. says:—  
"It has been universally admitted that when the Army of Northern Virginia was compelled to surrender by the powerful forces with which the strategy of Gen. Grant had enveloped it, the vanquished officers and soldiers received signal proofs of kindness and courtesy from the successful army. No insulting triumph, no words or deeds of vaunting, pained the spirits of the brave men who had surrendered. The only warmth shown by the victors was in deeds of humanity and words of considerate and healing courtesy. When Gen. Grant was informed that the men who had so often and so long resisted him were suffering for food, he instantly ordered that sixteen thousand rations should be distributed among them. Nor did his soldiers confine themselves to this public and official aid; they mingled among their former adversaries, supplying their wants and cheering them with words of peace.

"Wherever the true spirit of the soldier has appeared, this same frank and honorable bearing has manifested itself, and has tended strongly to the work of conciliation.

"If such be the temper of those who have been in actual combat, who have borne the heat and burden of the day," who have absented themselves from home and loved ones to encounter danger, disease wounds and death, surely it is not unreasonable to expect civilians and non-combatants to lay aside all bitterness and evil speaking and to devote themselves to the task of binding up the bleeding wounds of our country and promoting a union of concord and happiness."

General Stoneman, commanding the district of East Tennessee, is said to have issued an order to release all prisoners confined in jail at Knoxville, and give them their option of taking the oath of allegiance or going elsewhere.

Considerable discussion is excited by the significant fact that General Grant and Staff dined in Washington on Tuesday with M. Romero, the Minister of the Mexican Republic.

The guerrillas in Kentucky have so far surrendered or cleared out that military restrictions on travel are pretty much abandoned.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK—**  
Corner of Prince and Water Streets.  
**Government Bonds,**  
5 PER CENT TREASURY NOTES,  
QUARTERMASTERS' CHECKS  
AND  
CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.  
BOUGHT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE  
**7 3-10 LOAN.**  
**REVENUE STAMPS FOR SALE.**  
Collections made on all parts of the United States.  
Drafts on Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.  
**EXCHANGE ON EUROPE.**  
Gold, Silver, and Bank Notes bought and sold.  
Feb 9—tf

**PHILADELPHIA HOUSE,**  
NOS. 5 and 7, SOUTH ROYAL STREET,  
ALEXANDRIA,  
(Formerly Cottage Headquarters.)  
The undersigned would respectfully announce to his friends and the public generally, that he has taken the above named house, which, for location and convenience, is not excelled by any hotel in the city. Thankful for past favors, he solicits a continuance of the generous and liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him.  
Daily and weekly **BOARDERS** taken on the most reasonable terms.  
**MEALS** at all hours. The best **PHILADELPHIA ALE** and **LAGER BEER** always kept on hand.  
My **TABLE** will always be supplied with the best the market affords.  
A **LADIES ORDINARY** is attached to this house, with courteous and attentive waiters always in attendance.  
mh 31—tf **GEORGE W. FORTNER.**

**TO PREVENT SICKNESS, PURIFY THE BLOOD!**  
Nothing is more wholesome at this time of year than a gentle purgative, it will purify the blood and digestive organs, and enable the system the better to endure the warm season to come. For this purpose we would advise every one who values sound health, to try a box of  
**PROF. WUNDRAM'S**  
**VEGETABLE PILLS OR POWDERS,**  
which have proved so salutary the past four seasons to all who tried them.  
Imported and for sale by  
**JULIUS DIENELT,** Dentist,  
No. 145 Prince street.  
For sale by most Druggists. ap 6—tf

**ONE WORD TO THE WISE.**  
**MESSRS. I. SCHWARZ & BROWN,** would most respectfully announce to the public at large, that they are now ready and open with their entire new and well selected stock of  
**DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, AND MILLINERY,**  
which has been bought **FOR CASH,** under the great panic prices, and will be sold at astonishing low prices. All we ask is an examination of our goods and prices, which are, we are sure, the cheapest ever known since 1861.  
We receive goods daily, and will mark them down at the lowest figures.  
We have one price, polite attention, and great bargains.  
Call and see us, and you will be satisfied that we can please you.  
**I. SCHWARZ & BROWN,**  
H. Schwarz's old stand,  
132, King Street.  
ap 21—tf

**INTERNAL REVENUE.**  
Collector's Office,  
**164, PRINCE ST., ALEXANDRIA.**  
Hours:—9 a. m., to 8 p. m.  
**T. L. SANBORN,**  
Deputy Collector.  
jan 3—eotf

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**  
**CORPS BADGES** made to order and engraved; and also inscriptions on sword hilts or plate; at  
**E. S. FLEMING'S,**  
No. 86, King street.  
my 2—1m

**BOOTS AND SHOES,**  
NEW STOCK AND NEW STYLES.  
I have just received a fine stock of custom-made Goods.  
Comprising a great many new styles,  
**LADIES', MISSES', CHILDREN'S, GENTS', BOYS' AND YOUTHS'**  
**BOOTS, SHOES AND GAITERS,**  
Of every kind and description;  
Which will be sold **LOW for CASH.**  
Call and examine before you buy, at No. 80, King street.  
**JOHN T. EVANS.**  
Feb 24—3m

**GEO. E. WHITE, & CO.,**  
(LIBERTY HALL)  
89, and 91, Cameron Street.  
GEO. E. WHITE, New York. JNO. M. COUGHLIN, Alexn.  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
**GROCERIES,**  
**FLOUR,**  
**GRAIN,**  
**HAY,**  
**FEED,**  
**ALE,**  
**LIQUORS.**  
Our goods are bought at lowest cash prices in the leading markets, and from the extent of our sales and the necessity of constantly replenishing stock, we are enabled to sell at all times at very low prices.  
All Country Produce bought.  
mh 11—3m

**JOSEPH T. JANNEY,**  
DEALER IN  
**CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES,**  
AND PROVISIONS,  
S. E. Corner of Prince and Pitt Streets.  
**ON HAND** and constantly receiving Fresh  
Country Butter and Eggs, (reliable);  
Welch's Family Flour in barrels and bags;  
Choice Extras and Supers in barrels and bags;  
Honey, Hominy, Toasted Rye, and Warren's  
Celebrated Yeast Powders in glass bottles.  
Choice new crop Green and Black Teas, for  
sale at the lowest prices. jan 30—tf

**COAL.**  
For sale, at reduced prices, **LOBBERRY,**  
**RED ASH, EGG AND STOVE COAL,** \$12  
per ton delivered. **LEIGH EGG AND STOVE,**  
\$12.50 per ton, delivered. Warranted 2,240  
pounds to the ton. Apply at 26, King street,  
Alexandria, Va. ap 28—tf

**VICTOR BECKER,**  
**PIANO TUNER & REGULATOR,**  
Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, Melodens, Accordeons, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King street.  
V. Becker also offers his services and long experience in the business, to persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. ap 4—tf

**A CARD.**  
**WILLIAM H. SMITH,**  
**Boot and Shoe Maker,**  
No. 42, North Fairfax Street.  
Is now prepared to fill all orders for **BOOTS AND SHOES** of his own manufacture with promptness and dispatch. All work guaranteed to be of the best order. ap 11—eotm

**NEW BACON.**  
**JUST** received a lot of superior new **HAMS, SHOULDERS and BREAKFAST PIECES.**  
For sale low by  
**F. G. SWAINE,**  
No. 26 Royal Street.  
jan 3—tf

**DAVY & HARMON,**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
**Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants,**  
Corner of Prince and Royal Sts.,  
jan 19—1y **ALEXANDRIA, VA.**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**WANTED** at No. 17 King Street, any amount of **RAGS, OLD IRON, COPPER and BRASS,** for which the highest market price will be paid at all times.  
jan 3—tf